

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LA PAZ 01295 131729Z

10

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-11 AID-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 /073 W

----- 075929

R 131610Z FEB 76

FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9671

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LA PAZ 1295

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OAS, PFOR, BL

SUBJ: OAS REFORM, COUNTRY REVIEW PROCESS

REF: STATE 22265

1. SENTIMENTS ARE MIXED HERE WITH REGARD TO CEPSES MEETINGS. BENEFITS DEPEND ON SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH COUNTRY BEING REVIEWED AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES APPROACH MEETING. PRINCIPAL BENEFITS ARE THE DISCIPLINE IMPOSED ON COUNTRY GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW AND EXPLAIN ITS OVERALL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT SITUATION, MEET AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH AGENCY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, AND PERHAPS PROVIDE A TRAINING EXERCISE FOR UPCOMING JUNIOR OFFICIALS. ONE BOLIVIAN OFFICIAL WHO ATTENDED BOLIVIAN CEPSES IN SEPTEMBER 1975 SAYS GOB'S PREPARATIONS FOR REVIEW BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF SENIOR OFFICIALS THE IMPENDING PROBLEM WITH FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES AND LED TO THE BOP MEASURES TAKEN IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1975. THIS SAME OFFICIAL -- THEN A PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR AND NOW A SUB-SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF PLANNING -- FEELS THE DISCIPLINE OF PREPARATIONS WAS GENERALLY USEFUL, BUT EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE LACK OF GIVE-AND-TAKE DISCUSSION DURING THE GOB DELEGATION'S PRESENTATION AND THE BLANDNESS OF THE AGENCY COMMENTS -- WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE IMF.

2. BOLIVIAN MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND EDUCATION HERE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LA PAZ 01295 131729Z

GENERALLY DISCOUNT THE CEPSES MEETING AS WORTHLESS, REFLECTING

PERHAPS A PAROCHIAL LACK OF INTEREST IN BOLIVIA'S OVERALL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND POLICIES. NOR DOES A READING OF FINAL REPORT OF SEPTEMBER MEETING INDICATE THAT IT IS USED BY IFI'S TO COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES. RATHER, THE COORDINATION SEEMS TO OCCUR THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN IFI OFFICIALS HERE AND IN WASHINGTON.

3. IT CAN BE QUESTIONED WHETHER THIS BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS PREPARING ANNUAL OPERATING PLANS, IS ABOUT TO COMPLETE A FIVE-YEAR PLAN, AND RECIEVES A PLETHORA OF VISITING IFI DELEGATIONS, NEEDS THE ADDITIONAL "DISCIPLINE" OF PREPARATION FOR CEPSIES OR WOULD NOT OTHERWISE MEET THE APPROPRAITE IFI OFFICIALS.

4. IN SHORT, WE SEE SOME POSITIVE BENEFITS OF CEPSIES, BUT THEY ARE MARGINAL. PERHAPS MAIN BENEFIT FROM USG VEIWPOINT IS CHANCE TO HAVE A GOVERNMENT'S MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICY CRITIQUED IN A MANNER WHICH MAY SUPPORT THAT GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO TAKE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC MEASURES AT HOME.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTTEL, ON BALANCE EVEN THOUGH BENEFITS ARE MARGINAL, COUNTRY REVIEW IS THE ONE FORUM WHERE OVERALL ECONOMY CAN BE LOOKED AT BY ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES AND SOME SUCH FORUM IS DESIRABLE. POSITIONS WITHIN THE GOB ARE ALSO MIXED, BUT WE SUSPECT THAT GOB'S PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC POLICY MAKER WOULD OPT FOR CONTINUING THE REVIEW (FALLING AS THEY NOW DO IN SEPTEMBER) AS A MEANS OF FORCING THE GOB BUREAUCRACY TO REVIEW ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE AND CONSIDER THE FUTURE. THE GOB HOPES FOR THE FORMATION OF AN IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP REFERRED TO LOCALLY AS JOINGING THE "PARIS CLUB" AND TO THE EXTENT THIS SUBSTITUTES FOR CEPSIES-STYLE REVIEW, THE GOB WOULD BE MORE WILLING TO SEE THE END OF CEPSIES. THERE IS LITTLE REGARD HERE, HOWEVER, FOR THE QUALITY OF CEPSIES SECRETARIAT AND GOB WOULD PROBABLY BE ODHEN TO CONSIDERING A SHIFT OF VENUE TO SOME AGENCY SUCH AS THE IDB.
STEDMAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, ORGANIZATION & MANAGEMENT, REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LAPAZ01295
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760056-1056
From: LA PAZ
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760251/aaaabssp.tel
Line Count: 96
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 22265
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 APR 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <01 JUL 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OAS REFORM, COUNTRY REVIEW PROCESS
TAGS: PFOR, AORG, BL, OAS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006